commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected. Percentage change in wholesale price index over preceding year for drugs & medicines has been less than that for all commodities during the period 2000—2004.

The medicines mentioned in part (b) of the Question are non Scheduled ones whereas the medicines mentioned in part (e) of the Question are Scheduled ones.

(d) Salbutamol is a Scheduled bulk drug under the DPCO, 1995. Prices of formulations based on this bulk drug have been fixed/revised by the NPPA from time to time. However some of the companies have approached the courts in the matter.

Setting up of a power plant by IFFCO

†525. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fertilizer Company IFFCO propose to set up a Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether work will be started in this Financial Year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) to (c) Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is exploring the possibilities of setting up power plants, preferably adjacent to its existing fertilizer plants. Commencement of the projects would depend on investment decision to be taken upon finalisation of initial feasibility studies.

Standards for regulating drinks and beverages

526. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have issued a draft notification to revise standards to regulate the presence of metals and pesticides in soft drinks and beverages;

(b) if so, the details of soft drinks, mineral water and beverages included in the proposed draft notification;

(c) whether Government has invited suggestions from public before it is considered and notified under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) A draft notification under Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955, proposing to amend the standards for carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices, fruit syrup, fruit squash, fruit beverages or fruit drink, soft drink concentrate and ready to serve beverages with respect to metals and pesticide residues was published *vide* GSR 685 (E) dated 26.08.2003 for inviting objections/suggestions from public. Copy given as statement (*See* below).

(d) The objections/suggestions were received from various sources. The draft notification was examined by the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). The JPC observed as follows:—

> "Para 2.201: ——— it will not be fair or proper to apply the carbonated water and packaged water (pesticide) residue levels to the fruits and vegetable juices and such beverages."
>
> "Para 2.202: ——— The Committee, therefore, recommend that standards notified under draft notification for pesticide residue should not be made applicable for fruit juice and other beverages."

The final notification regarding pesticide residues in carbonated water is yet to be issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under PFA Rules.

Statement

Notification regarding standards for regulation Drinks/Beverages

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Department of Health)

NOTIFICATIONS

New Delhi, the 26th August, 2003.

G.S.R. 685 (E) — The following draft of certain rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, which the Central Government, without consultation of the Central Committee for Food Standards, proposed to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, (37 of 1954), is hereby published as required by said Sub-section for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette of India in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi-110 011.

The objections and suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period so specified will be considered by the Central Government.

DRAFT RULES

(1) These rules may be called the Prevention of Food Adulteration (.....Amendment) Rules, 2003.

(2) They shall come into force on the day of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, in Appendix 'B' (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules).

(I) In rule 22, of the said rules, in the Table:—

(a) against serial number 14 relating to carbonated water, in column 2 for the entries '600 ml', the entries '1000 ml' shall be substituted.

(b) Against serial number 27, relating to fruit juice/fruit drink/ fruit squash, in column 2, for entries '400 ml, the entries '1000 ml' shall be substituted.

(II) In rule 57, of the said rules, in a sub rule 2, in the table —

(a) against serial number 1 relating to lead, in column 2 and 3, for item (i) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(I) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices, Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink. Soft drkins concentrate (after dilution as per Declaration). Ready to serve beverages of any kind	0.01

(b) against serial number 2 relating to copper;—

(i) in columns 2 and 3, for item (i) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(i) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices. Fruit Syrup, Beverages or fruit drink, Soft drinks concentrate (after dilution as per declaration), Ready to serve beverages of any kind.	0.05
	Pulp and Pulp products of any fruit	5.0
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(ii) in columns 2 and 3 item (ii-b) and entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

(c) against serial number 3 relating to arsenic:—

(i) in columns 2 and 3 for item (ii) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(ii) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices, Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink. Soft drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration). Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	0.05
	Pulp and Pulp products of any fruit.	0.2

(ii) in columns 2 and 3, the item (ii-c) and entries relating thereto, shall be omitted.

(d) against serial number 4 relating to tin in columns 2 and 3, for item (i-aa) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(i-aa) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices. Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink. Soft drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration). Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	250
	Jam, Jellies and Marmalades, Pulp and Pulp products of any fruit.	250

(ii) against serial number 5 relating to zinc, in columns 2 and 3:—

(ii) for item (i) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(ii) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, fruits and vegetable juices, Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink, Soft drinks concentrate (after dilution as per declaration). Ready to Serve beveages of any kind.	5.0
	Pulp and Pulp products of any fruit.	5.0
	Other fruits and vegetable products	50.0

(ii) item (iii) and entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

(ii) against serial number 6 relating to cadmium, in columns 2 and 3 after item (ii) and entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(ii-a) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, Fruits and Vegetable juices, Fruit Syrup, Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink, Soft drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration), Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	0.01

(ii) against serial number 7 relating to mercury in columns 2 and 3 for the existing entries the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(i) **Fish**	0.5
	(ii) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, Fruits and Vegetable juices, Fruit Syrup, Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink, Soft drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration), Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	0.001
	(iii) **Other foods**	1.0

(h) against serial number 9 relating to Chromium in columns 2 and 3, for the existing entries, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	(i) **Refined Sugar**	0.02
	(ii) **Beverages**	
	Carbonated water, Fruits and Vegetable juices. Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink. Soft Drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration). Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	0.05

(i) against serial number 10 relating to Nickel in columns 2 and 3, the following shall be added in the end, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
	Beverages	
	Carbonated water, Fruits and Vegetable juices. Fruit Syrup. Fruit Squash, Fruit beverages or fruit drink. Soft drinks Concentrate (after dilution as per declaration). Ready to Serve beverages of any kind.	0.02

(III) in rule 65 of the said rules after the table under rule (2), the following shall be inserted namely;—

"(3) the amount of insecticide residues in carbonated water, fruits and vegetables juices, fruit syrup, fruit squash, fruit beverage or fruit drink. soft drink concentrates (after dilution as per direction), and ready to serve beverages of any kind shall be as follows;—

(i) Pesticide residues considered individually:—	Not more than 0.0001 mg/litre (The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein above).
(ii) Total pesticide residues:—	Not more than 0.0005 mg/litre (The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein above)"

[No. P. 15025/80/2003-PH(Food)]
DEEPAK GUPTA, Jt. Secy.

Note — The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 were published in Part II, Section 3 of Gazette of India *vide* S.R.O. 2106 dated the 12th September, 1955 and were last amended *vide* G.S.R. No. 554 (E) dated 18.7.2003.

Procurement of Rice and Wheat by FCI

527. SHRIMATI N.P. DUGRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target which were set by the Food Corporation of India for procurement of rice and wheat for 2003, State-wise;